
By: **Delegate Owings**
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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Unseasoned or Treated Wood - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from burning unseasoned wood or wood
4 treated with any synthetic chemical in a fireplace or wood stove located in a
5 residence that is within a certain distance of another residence; establishing a
6 certain penalty; and generally relating to the burning of certain wood.

7 BY adding to
8 Article - Criminal Law
9 Section 10-111
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2002 Volume)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Criminal Law**

15 10-111.

16 (A) A PERSON MAY NOT BURN UNSEASONED WOOD, ALSO KNOWN AS GREEN
17 WOOD, OR WOOD TREATED WITH ANY SYNTHETIC CHEMICAL IN A FIREPLACE OR
18 WOOD STOVE LOCATED IN A RESIDENCE THAT IS WITHIN 200 FEET OF ANOTHER
19 RESIDENCE.

20 (B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
21 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 FOR EACH
22 VIOLATION.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2003.